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News Release: CEO Announces New COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Policies

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UPPER MARLBORO, Md. — Today, Chief Executive Officer Dr. Monica Goldson announced new health and safety guidelines for Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) students.

Beginning the week of September 27, schools will begin random pool testing of students regardless of symptoms and vaccination status. The school system currently tests any individual who displays symptoms of COVID-19. Parents and guardians are required to provide consent prior to testing. Approximately 10 percent of students with consent forms on file will be tested.

In addition, proof of vaccination for all student-athletes over age 12 will be required for participation in all sports. Unvaccinated individuals will be required to undergo weekly testing starting the week of October 18.

“This is another step forward in working to protect our 22,000 employees, nearly 132,000 students and their families, and all they encounter,” said Dr. Goldson. “We will continue to leverage every available safeguard for the PGCPS community.”

Students may also receive vaccinations during school hours at various middle school sites.

Prior to the start of school, PGCPS instituted a new policy requiring employees to provide proof of vaccination or undergo weekly testing.

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